

Dear FCC,
Not sure I was given the right email to register my opinion on this matter, but writing anyway and hope you can forward to appropriate party.

PLEASE, for any peace of mind that airline passengers have left, DO NOT start to allow the use of cell phones on airplanes.

The stress level is already so high with the increased time and aggravation now required at the airport as a result of enhanced security measures. As a very frequent business traveler, I can tell you from experience that THE MOMENT the plane lands every single person with a cell phone turns one on, and the plane erupts in a din of conversations with inane business and personal chatter.

The self-important business people, the teenagers who are "oh my god, like so bored with this flight", every single person being picked up who has to tell their point of contact "well, the plane has landed..." And then of course, you have the "loud talkers" who mistake their cell phones for megaphones, and think they must shout to be heard.

At least Amtrak has a "quiet car"; you can't escape the noise on a plane. Can you really imagine being stuck next to someone on a non-stop flight from the east to the west coast, and the entire time they're on their phone blabbing away? What is an annoyed fellow passenger to do? You could ask them to shut up, if you aren't intimidated. What if they tell you it's their "right" to use the phone? Are passengers who want quiet then forced to have to wear noise-canceling headphones or earplugs?

I think you may well since increased incidences of "air rage" in the wake of a decision like this. Passengers are already being pushed to their limit. Don't make the job of the flight staff even more difficult by making them referee confrontations between passengers over cell phone use.

And if you need simple calculations of the hazards of electromagnetic radiation to the aircraft environment, couldn't you turn to the military for advice? Perhaps something akin to a HERO (hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance) team like some I recall being based at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Virginia, that I'm sure could offer input.